

Programs

FALL 2008

All programs take place at Croydon Creek Nature Center

CROYDON CREEP

Friday, Oct. 24

6-8 pm

All Ages

\$1 per person at the door

Join us at Croydon Creep Nature Center for an evening of frightful fun. There will be lots of games, hands-on activities, live animal interpretation and a spooky nature hike. Registration is not required.

SCOUT BADGE DAYS

Naturalists can help you complete all necessary requirements to achieve the following badges. All materials are provided; however, badges are not supplied by the nature center. The cost for the program is \$12/R, \$14/NR. Programs take place rain or shine so dress for the weather. Please contact Melinda Norton at 240-314-8771 for information or to register.

Webelos Forester Badge

Saturday, Oct. 4
10 a.m. to noon
or 2-4 p.m.

Brownie Animal Try-It Badge

Saturday, Nov. 1
10 a.m. to noon
or 2-4 p.m.

TINY TOT WALKS

2-3 ½ yrs
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
\$6 Res/\$7 NR

Incredible Insects

(#26142)
Thursday, Sept. 18
There are more kinds of insects than any other animal in the world. Hop, buzz or fly on down to the nature center to learn more about these tiny beasts through stories, a craft and a bug hunt in the meadow. Participants will spend time outdoors so please dress for the weather.

Lovely Leaves

(#26143)
Thursday, Oct. 16
Brown, yellow, orange, red...leaves will be changing colors. Join us at the nature center for some fun with leaves. Lessons will be taught through stories, hands-on activities and a craft. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather.

Turkey Time

(#26144)
Thursday, Nov. 20
Which bird almost won over the eagle as our national bird (Hint: gobble gobble)? Join us at the nature center for turkey stories, hands-on activities and crafts. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather.

Feathers, Fur and Fun

(#26145)
Thursday, Dec 18
Different animals have different types of body coverings. Through stories, hands-on activities and crafts we will discover more about these coverings and the bodies they cover. Participants will spend time outdoors so please dress for the weather!

TYKE HIKES

3 ½-6 yrs
1 - 2 pm
\$6 Res/\$7 NR

Insects Explorers

(#26162)
Thursday, Sept. 18
On planet Earth insects outnumber humans 200 million to one. Come to the nature center to learn more about this amazing group of animals through stories, a craft and an insect hunt in the meadow. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather.

Falling, Falling Leaves

(#26163)
Thursday, Oct. 16
Trees are getting ready for winter by dropping their leaves. Learn more about this colorful shower through stories, hands-on activities and a craft. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather.

Terrific Turkeys

(#26164)
Thursday, Nov. 20
Turkeys are the largest ground-dwelling birds native to North America. Join us to learn more about this much loved bird through stories, hands-on activities and a craft. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather.

Fabulous Feathers & Fancy Fur

(#26165)
Thursday, Dec. 18
Birds have feathers and mammals have fur. Through stories, hands-on activities and a craft we will find out more about these animals and their coverings. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather.



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JUNIOR NATURALISTS

10-14 yrs
4-5:30 p.m.
\$12 Res/\$14NR

Becoming a Naturalist (#26166)

Wednesday, Oct. 8
True naturalists are keen observers of the world around them. Through games and activities we will sharpen our senses and put them to the test on a scavenger hunt through the woods.

Creek Crawl

(#26201)
Saturday, Sept. 13
1-2:30 p.m.
Ages 7-11
\$7 Res/\$9 NR

How many different animals live in Croydon Creek? Find out as we spend an afternoon in our aquatic habitat searching and identifying critters. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a towel. Register by Sept 6.



Plant Pressing

(#26202)
Saturday, Sept. 20
3-4 pm
Ages 8-12
\$10 Res/\$12 NR
Make your own mini-plant press and learn how to collect and preserve flowers and leaves. Participants will go outdoors so dress for the weather. Register by Sept. 12. (10 max).

Campfire: Spooky Stories

(# 26171)
Saturday, Oct 11
6-7 p.m.
All ages must register
\$4 Res/\$5 NR
Come to the nature center for a campfire, some child-friendly spooky stories and a campfire treat. Bring along a blanket or lawn chairs for sitting. An adult must accompany children under the age of 10 and all participants must register. Register by Oct. 6.

Mini Bio-Blitz

(#26167)
Wednesday, Nov. 12
A bio-blitz is a detailed inventory of living organisms in a specified area. Help catalog the animals and plants around Croydon Creek. We will repeat this in the spring and compare lists.

Winter Adaptations

(#26168)
Wednesday, Dec. 10
It's a tricky business surviving the cold and shortage of food during the winter months in Maryland. We'll explore the strategies and adaptations of the animals.



Pumpkin Science

(#26169)

Friday, Oct. 17

1-2:30 pm

Ages 7-11

\$9 Res/\$11 NR

Become a pumpkin scientist by performing hands-on experiments on these fantastic fall fruits. Be ready to get messy. Paint your own pumpkin to take home. Register by Oct. 10.

Tree ID

(#26203)

Wednesday, Oct. 29

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Ages 8-12

\$7 Res/\$9 NR

Learn how to identify common trees found around the nature center. Participants will receive a tree identification guide to take home. Register by Oct. 21.

Ready for Winter

(#26204)

Tuesday, Nov. 22

2-3 p.m.

Ages 6-9

\$7 Res/\$9 NR

Find out what animals do to get ready for winter. Meet some of Croydon Creek's resident critters and discover how they cope with the cold. We'll go for a hike so dress for the weather. Register by Nov. 5.

Campfire: Animals Nobody Loves

(#26172)

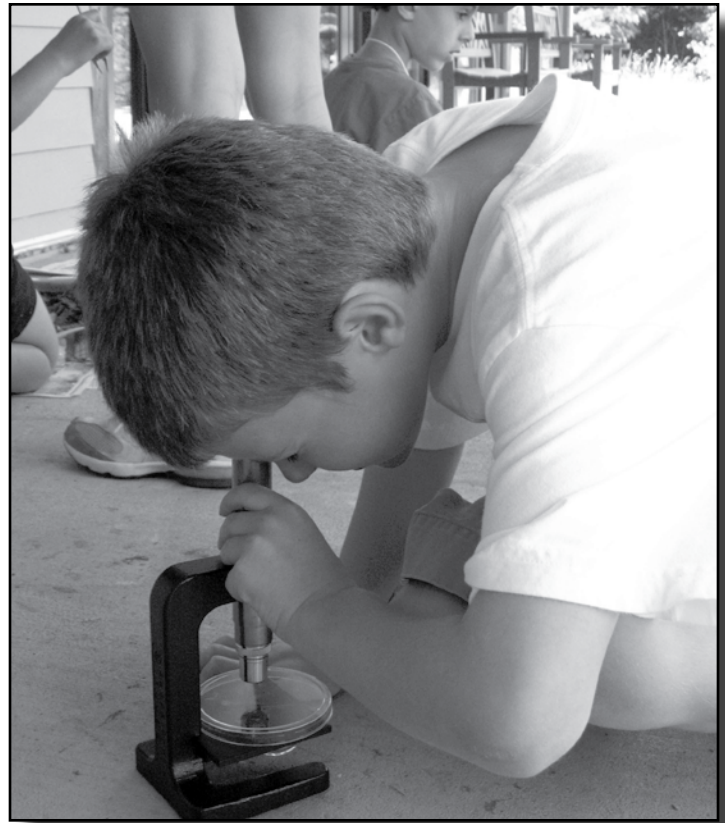
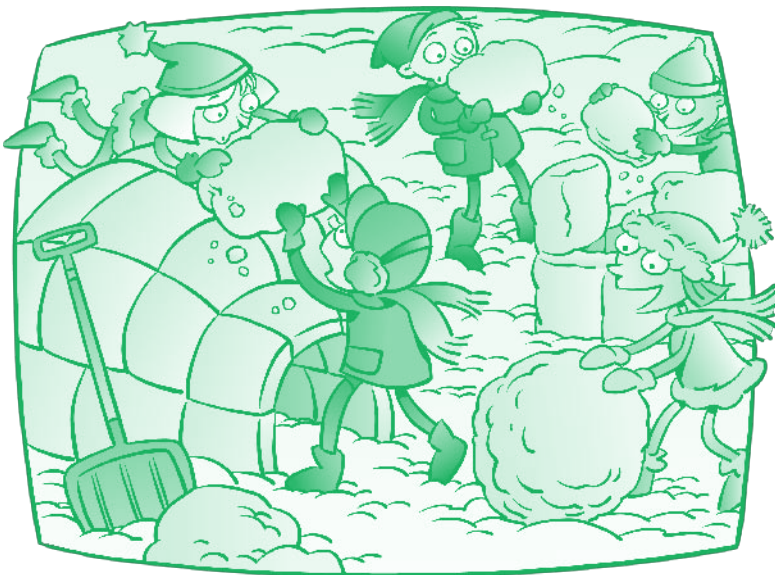
Saturday, Nov. 22

6 - 7 pm,

All ages must register

\$4 Res/\$5 NR

Spiders and vultures and roaches, oh my! Around a campfire we will enjoy a campfire treat and learn about some reasons we should love all animals, even the creepy ones! Bring along a blanket or lawn chairs for sitting. An adult must accompany children under the age of 10 and all participants must register. Register by Nov. 14.



Holiday Cards

(#26205)

Saturday, Nov. 22

2-3:30 p.m.

Ages 13+

\$12 Res/\$14 NR.

'Tis the season for handmade cards. Learn some card-making techniques and make three different cards to take home. Register by Nov. 14.

Pinecone Wreath-making

Saturday, Dec. 6

Ages 10+

10 a.m.-12 p.m. (#26207)

and 2-4 p.m. (#26268)

\$31 Res/\$38 NR.

Hanging a wreath on a door is a tradition in many parts of the world. Come to the nature center to learn how to make a beautiful and long-lasting decoration to welcome people to your home. All necessary materials are provided and an adult must accompany children under 12. Register by Nov. 21.

Winter Nature Fun

(#26209)

Tuesday, Dec. 30

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ages 7-12

\$48 Res/\$60 NR

Spend the day at the nature center and we'll have some winter fun making birdfeeders, learning about animal tracks, hiking in the forest preserve, and catching up with Croydon Creek's critters. Dress for the weather and bring a lunch. Register by Dec. 15.

ADULT TRIPS

C&O Canal Bike Series #1

(#26213)

Saturday, Oct. 11,
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ages 16+

\$37 Res/\$46 NR.

This 28-mile stretch begins at the northern terminus of the C&O Canal in downtown Cumberland and ends at the historic tunnel that took 14 years to build. We will stop for lunch on your own in Oldtown. Cost includes leadership and transportation of you and your bike.

Register by Oct. 3.

Hike the Frederick Watershed

(#26216)

Saturday, Nov. 8
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 10+

\$37 Res/\$46 NR.

Put on your hiking boots and head up to the Frederick watershed for an 8-mile circuit hike. This is a moderately difficult route over hilly and rocky terrain. The views should be spectacular. Bring your own picnic lunch. Cost includes transportation and leadership.

Register by Oct. 29.

Map and Compass Skills

(#26257)

Sunday, Dec. 7
noon to 3 p.m.

Ages 12+

\$19 Res/\$24 NR

Whether you are going hiking, boating, fishing or hunting, you should always know how to get where you want to go; and more importantly, how to return. This half-day program will teach you the basics of how to read a map and use a compass. Then refine your skills as we hike around the park. Cost includes equipment and instruction. Register by Dec. 1.

Hike the Catoctins

(#26271)

Saturday, Dec. 13
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ages 10+

\$37 Res/\$46 NR.

This circuit hike in the Catoclin National Park covers 9 miles of rocky and hilly terrain. Take the Cliff Trail, climb the Old Misery Trail to Cat Rock and view Huntington Lake as you traverse the Lower Trail. Warm up with a hot cocoa stop at the Cozy Inn on the trip home. Cost includes transportation and leadership.

Register by Dec. 1.

Women on the Move: Hike Great Falls, MD

(#26214)

Saturday, Oct. 18
12:30 - 5 p.m.

Ages 30+

\$22 Res/\$27 NR

Start your trip with a mule-drawn canal boat ride along the C&O Canal and end with an invigorating hike along one of the park's many trails. Cost includes transportation, leadership and boat ride.

Register by Oct. 10.

AT #6 and #7 Gathland to Harper's Ferry

(#26256)

Saturday, Oct. 25
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ages 16+

\$37 Res/\$46 NR

Combine these two sections of the Appalachian Trail beginning in Gathland for a 10-mile hike. Follow the ridge line to Weaverton and then descend and follow the C&O Canal towpath into Harper's Ferry.

Register by Oct. 17.



All Adult Trips leave from Rockville City Hall. Except Map and Compass Skills which meets at the nature center.

